In the Fall of the year last past, a Magic-Lantern Exhibition was given by the Assistant Minister in our new Parish Building. The upper room (the one used for the Sunday School) was filled with Children and their Parents.

Towards the close of the Exhibition the Sexton came to me and informed me that the floor in the Northeast section of the room was sinking! I hurried to the place, and no words can express my feeling when I found that the depression was so marked as to be perceptible by walking on it.

I hastened to the Rev. Mr. Hodge and
urged him to close immediately; and
in a few minutes after the room
was empty. On examination I
found that the joists being too long,
and without proper support, the floor
had yielded in that corner of the large
room; and the ceiling in the room
below had cracked for some distance.
A little more and the terrible
disaster which occured a short
time before in England, and also
in Williamsburgh in this State, had found
a parallel in the new building
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When I think of the Parents who would have held me responsible if the accident had happened, and I thank God that by His merciful Providence, the calamity was averted.

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Rector

Philadelphia.
Christ Church Rectory Room,
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The Rector's statement of the sinking of the floor of the new Parish Building.